

HOMES FOR A DAY

Work of the Little Mothers' Aid Society.

CHILDREN OF NEW YORK SLUMS

The Society Extends a Helping Hand to the Babies and Their Nurses. Open Air Relief.

One of the most worthy charities of New York city is that one which, under the name of the Little Mothers' Aid Society, for the last three summers has given to 5,000 children, most of whom, born in the slums of the city, rarely have a chance to breathe pure air or see green fields and clear water, a day's outing at Pelham Bay park, where a holiday house awaits them.

The chief aim of the organization, which, founded by Mrs. J. H. Johnston, is still conducted by her with the assistance of several other charitable ladies, is to create a helping hand to those tiny wimmen who both by experience and responsibility far beyond their years whose duty it is to take care of "babies" while the mother and father are away from the home working to get bread for



SPRING HATS FROM PARIS IN STRAW AND LACE.

the mouths of themselves and their children. It is these children, so aptly called "little mothers," that all other charities organized to give the children of the poor a day's holiday in the open country fail to reach. A "little mother" has no time to accept their well meant invitations. Household duties bind her as much as they do her mother, and it was not till Mrs. Johnston conceived the idea of arranging for the care of the babies and the home for a day that the "little mother," temporarily freed from her surroundings, was able to "take a day off" and enjoy it in the country.

Woman in France.

Some interesting details recently published of the women in France show that though the French medical schools have long been open to women, and although they are allowed to practice and hold medical appointments, they have not as yet obtained any of the higher posts in the hospitals, except one woman, who holds a midwife's certificate, and is at the head of the Paris Maternity Hospital, an institution that receives 8,000 patients a year. Miss Sarrance is one of the officials connected with the Grand Opera, and the woman's department of the Charenton asylum for the insane is under feminine direction. A



LOVELY YOUTH IN CHINESE SILK.

Woman in France is not allowed to write a will. If she does, she cannot partake in calling without the consent of her husband, who has the right to her fortune. Women have long been employed as housekeepers and railway clerks, as guards at crossings and a few have been made stationmasters. The commercial talent of French women is well known, but when the discussions of marriage are considered it is not to be wondered at that the most successful women are widows and spinsters. Miss Clément, the famous wine grower, has as one of her partners her great granddaughter, the duchesse d'Uzès.

Women at Cambridge and Oxford.

Another step in the direction of removing one of these anomalies which exists in the educational advancement of women has been taken at Cambridge, England. The local lectures' syndicate has decided that women shall be eligible for appointment as extension lecturers, except in the work in the affiliated lecture centers, when a special grace of the senate would be required to admit women. From Oxford, however, comes the report that the "chaperonage" fees have been increased to an amount beyond the means of many women students. A serious drawback to the cause of higher education for women in England in this country of considering it indispensable that older women shall be hired to escort the girl students to lectures and examinations. Some of the more independent young women, con-

cent that there is no lurking peril in the streets of Oxford, have suggested that the chaperones be dispensed with altogether. It seems a little absurd that a girl who knows all about comic sections and has mastered the calculus needs a protector from the undergraduates whose standing in the class is not infrequently lower than her own.

Art in Linen.

A novel table scarf has for the center a square of red plush, with ends half a yard deep of even art cloth. A design of conventionalized tulips is scattered over the surface, worked with red thread. They are outlined with a deep shade of red and darned with art thread one shade lighter.

The ends are finished with a heavy coral fringe. At a distance the flowers seemed to be appliquéd upon the background, which is left plain. The treatment of this cloth is precisely the same as for buckram, the darning being done with a blunt pointed needle, which does not pierce the material.

One of the newest and most attractive designs for a scarfboard scarf is made of a fine quality of firm white linen, and has a border of natural size grape leaves, worked in three shades of green. Roman dots.

The greens are fast color and will wash perfectly. The edge of each leaf is buttonholed over a hemmed edge for the rim, using the dark shade of the dots. The stems are outlined with the second shade, and the filling is done in honeycomb or scale stitch, in shaded effect. The pattern is remarkably novel and pretty.

A pretty fashion is to make a tea cloth of a large napkin of damask linen, work-

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DORAN & EDDY.

so we would do too many to look at them; so, ushering him into the house and opening the parlor, the owner pointed to two pictures hanging on the wall and said: "There they are. One picture is of my father copied from an old fashioned ambrotype. The other is a painting of Lily Pond."

The artist, after adjusting his eye glasses and looking carefully at the paintings a moment, turned and asked:

"Which one did you say was your father, Mr. —?"—Boston Globe.

Education in the West.

Eastern states might well take a lesson from the west in the matter of higher education. With the exception of Massachusetts and Connecticut our communities on the Atlantic border are sadly deficient in this respect. It will soon be a question whether those desiring the best university education for their children should not send them to some of the great institutions in the west rather than the older centers of learning in Europe.

Foremost among establishments of this kind in the new University of Chicago, which promises to eclipse everything in the way of facilities for study ever attempted on this continent. The buildings are models of excellence, and no expense has been spared to secure as professors those who are pre-eminent in every department of human knowledge. In higher mathematics, astronomy, engineering and applied mechanics the west far exceeds the east.

Even the smaller towns have public libraries, generously supported by the local authorities, and open in the evenings, affording unlimited opportunities for self-education which would put to shame New York with its inadequate facilities. The east should wake up, or it will be found that this process will surely transfer to the west the scepter of influence, for "knowledge is power."

New York Herald.

Notes by the Way.

Eighty pupils from all parts of Samoa are received as boarders at the newly formed college for girls at Pago-Pago, in the island of Upolu, opened a few months ago by Lady Jersey. The age of admission is from 10 to 14 years. The grounds, thirty acres in extent, are planted with coconuts, yams, bananas, etc., the produce of which will form the food supply of the inmates.

An actor says that women are "quicker studies"—that is, learn their parts more quickly than men. "I plug along through a part for three days," said he, "and then I feel shaky when I go on the first night; but a woman just reads a part over once or twice or sleeps with it under her pillow, and she's got it letter perfect before the first rehearsal."

Among the curiosities which the German empress has gathered together is a ten cent piece made out of a hammered-out Prussian halfpenny, and a teapot composed of a German farthing the teapots being formed out of other German coins. These articles are said not to be poison owing to the absence of copper in German coinage.

Now fewer than seventy ladies matriculated at Zurich university last year. There belongs to fifteen nationalities, including an American lady, and comprised all sorts and conditions of women. At least half of the lady students prepare their own breakfast and supper and make their own dresses to save expense.

An "Association of Women Pioneer Lecturers" has been started by Miss Edith Bradley, daughter of the dean of Westminster, with the object of providing university extension lectures, given by lady graduates, suitable for women connected with cooperative associations, village clubs and night schools.

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